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MEMORANDUM ON THE BUDGET FROM PEOPLE'S BUDGET MEETING ORGANISED BY THE ANC, COSATU AND SACP ON THE PARADE, CAPE TOWN - 18TH MARCH 1992

To: State President, F.W.de Klerk
Minister of Finance, Barend du Plessis

We gathered here today:

Noting:

1. That the white minority regime continues to make unilateral decisions on crucial issues facing South Africans such as the use of our taxes.
2. That this regime refuses to enter into or be bound by negotiations between key sectors of society on social and economic issues.
3. Increasing inflation especially of food prices.
4. The great hardships that VAT has caused to our people and especially the poor since it was implemented 1st September.
5. The devastating consequences of the drought to land and lives.
6. That despite the scrapping of the Population Registration Act, white and black pensioners receive unequal amounts of money.
7. That while there is progress at CODESA on the issue of an interim government we remain concerned about the time frames envisaged by the government and on the progress towards achieving an elected Constituent Assembly.

Therefore demands:

1. The implementation of a sovereign Interim Government by June and democratic elections of a Constituent Assembly by the end of the year.
2. A budget which:
 - 2.1 Cuts down on military expenditure.
 - 2.2 Stops giving money to secret projects such as the CCB.
 - 2.3 Stops funding useless and duplicated apartheid structures.
 - 2.4 Introduces equal pensions.
 - 2.5 Concentrates on solving the problems of housing, electricity, health care and education.
3. An end to privatisation and other unilateral restructuring of the economy. Instead the government must participate in forums on the economy, education, housing, health to negotiate any major changes in these areas and

bring about immediate relief to the poor.

5. VAT

- 5.1 No VAT on basic foods, water, electricity, medicines and medical services. At the very least, the zero-rating on the eight foods including milk and mielies which were zero-rated until the end of March must be extended.
- 5.2 Special provisions for small business.
- 5.3 No increase in the VAT rate.
- 6. An adequate poverty relief programme which has been properly negotiated. Over and above this the government should introduce a drought relief programme aimed at **ALL** communities affected by the drought.
- 7. The price of foods must be brought down. The government must guarantee that prices of basic foods are maintained or reduced until at least March 1993.

This People's Budget Rally therefore resolves:

That if the government continues to ignore these demands, and the suffering our people are experiencing, we will have no option but to intensify our mass action.

Signed by:

Cyril Ramaphosa
(Secretary General -
ANC)

Jay Naidoo
(Secretary General -
COSATU)

Chris Hani
(General Secretary -
SACP)

Budget Day Program	18 March 1992	ANC, SACP, COSATU March
The program will be determined by the time and outcome of referendum vote, the program will be adapted according to events of the day.	The telephone at the command centre is 462 3077/78. Please phone to confirm details there.	
Time	Detail	
1.15 - 1.35	Speeches on the Parade	Chris Hani and others
1.35 - 2.45	March to Parliament	
2.45 - 3.15	Speeches on Parade	Ramaphosa, Winnie Mandela, Jay Naidoo
3.00 -	Tune in for National Press Conference via phone link from City Hall Library	Nelson Mandela
3.30 -	Local press conference	Cyril Ramaphosa
4.30 -	Leadership available for ad hoc interviews at the City Hall Library	

5.00 Come Blacksum.

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The budget must make provision for unification of all education departments and redress of past inequalities in educational expenditure. This should happen by 31 May 1992 to coincide with the setting up of the interim government in June 1992. It is essential that the education system be developed to accommodate ALL South African children from pre-primary to post-school levels. To this end the privatisation of state schools must be stopped immediately and the tertiary subsidy formulas changed so that the balance in the tertiary institutions will be weighted towards accessibility for the poor. For the utilisation of South Africa's human resources, it is essential that illiteracy be eradicated.

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